

Resolution No.: 16-714
Introduced: September 9, 2008
Adopted: September 23, 2008

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Transfer Among Major Categories #09-245
FY08 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Public Schools
\$12,000,000

Background

1. Section 5-105 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides for transfers among major categories of the Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Public Schools only with the approval of the County Council.
2. The County Executive received the Board of Education's request of July 28, 2008, for a transfer among state categories as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
1	Administration	\$2,000,000	
2	Mid-level Administration	3,000,000	
3	Instructional Salaries	4,000,000	
4	Textbooks and Instructional Supplies	3,000,000	
6	Special Education		\$4,100,000
7	Student Personnel Services		200,000
9	Student Transportation		4,600,000
12	Fixed Charges		3,100,000
Totals		\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000

3. The Board of Education has requested authorization to make an FY08 categorical transfer to align budgeted appropriations with actual expenditures. This request would offset deficits in Special Education (Category 6), Student Personnel Services (Category 7), Student Transportation (Category 9), and Fixed Charges (Category 12) by transferring surpluses from Administration (Category 1), Mid-level Administration (Category 2), Instructional Salaries (Category 3), and Textbooks and Instructional Supplies (Category 4).

4. The preponderance of the deficits was caused by higher than expected tuition costs for nonpublic placement of special education students, lower than projected offsetting revenue from Medicaid for special education, the rising cost of bus fuel, and an increased contribution to the Employee Benefit Plan. The surpluses used to balance these deficits are due primarily to savings achieved by comprehensive expenditure restrictions, a hiring freeze, greater than budgeted lapse and turnover savings, and postponing the acquisition of textbooks and instructional materials.
5. The County Executive recommends approval of this transfer.


Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

The FY08 Operating Budget of the Montgomery County Public Schools is hereby amended, and a transfer of appropriation is approved as follows:

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This is a correct copy of Council action.


Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council